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## Selectmen's Report.

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TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA :

In submitting the following report of the financial standing of the town to the careful consideration and charitable judgment of our fellow-citizens, the undersigned desire briefly to call attention to the fact that the fiscal year, ending February 15, 1896, has been in many respects a most unusual one.

While it has been our constant endeavor to administer the trust committed to our care in a just and equitable manner, we have been compelled to labor under serious and unusual difficulties. For reasons still unexplained our taxpayers voted at the last annual meeting to raise but one per centum of the valuation to meet all the current expenses of the year.

The total valuation of the real and personal property of the town in April, 1895, was \$380,432.00. The tax therefore, on this sum at one per cent. would be \$3,804.32.

The total valuation of the property of the town in 1894 was \$385,386.40, and the rate of taxation then fixed by the voters of the town was one and two-fifths per cent.

The tax thus raised was \$5,395.41, a sum greater than the tax raised at the last assessment by \$1,591.09.

In the month of April, 1895, the highways of the town were injured by a freshet to the extent of not less than \$900.00.

During the year we have constructed two new highways at a cost of \$531.15.

The unfortunate accident to Leonard M. Tuttle cost the town \$82.42.

The county tax in 1895 was \$80.80 in excess of the tax assessed in 1894.

In 1894 a balance was due the town from the state of New Hampshire of \$85.82. In 1895 a balance was due the state from

the town of \$173.04, making a balance against the town on this item alone, as compared with 1894, of \$258.86.

Bringing these items together, we find an extraordinary balance against us in 1895, as compared with 1894, in round numbers, of \$3,445.00.

The present board found in the treasury at the beginning of the present fiscal year the sum of \$1,189.98. Our predecessors also found in the treasury, on February 15, 1894, the modest little sum of \$540.27. The difference of these sums leaves a balance in our favor of \$649.71.

Deducting this sum from the amount given above, \$3,445.00, there still remains against us an ugly balance of \$2,795.29.

Other things, then, being equal, the present board has been called upon to meet a deficiency—or an equivalent—as compared with last year, of \$2,795.29.

To meet this extraordinary balance against us, together with the ordinary current expenses of the town, we have been obliged to practice the most rigid economy compatible, in our judgment, with the true interests and dignity of our town.

After a careful examination of the foregoing facts and figures we feel sure that no citizen can entertain surprise that we have been compelled to exhaust the treasury balance left us by our predecessors, increase the public debt, and pass over to our successors in office a treasury that is practically empty.

We are confident rather that each one will consider it a matter of the most sincere congratulation that with so great financial difficulties to overcome, we have been able to reach the close of this fiscal year with comparatively so small an increase of the public debt.

Below we give the figures to which we invite careful attention.

# Financial Statement.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1895	\$1,189 98
Grafton county pauper claims of 1894	73 88
H. P. Godard, note given	150 00
Lucy Godard, " "	300 00
Emma J. Cheney, " "	50 00
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax	126 67
" " " " Savings bank tax	483 29
" " " " literary fund	42 00
Licenses on dogs	44 00
W. J. B. Stanley, rental	3 00
Joel Spooner, tax of 1894	432 86
" " " " 1895	720 85
I. H. Glover, " " "	2,928 00
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	\$6,544 53

## EXPENDITURES.

State tax	\$825 00
County tax	888 80
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	\$1,713 80

## WATER TROUGHS.

C. A. Watson	\$5 83
Alvin Grimes	2 50
H. W. Noyes	1 00
Henry Whipple	2 50
W. S. Spooner	1 50



I. H. Glover	3 00
E. G. Harris	2 50
O. G. Crane	2 00
S. J. Pease	3 00
Bowles Brothers	2 00

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\$25 83

## SCHOOLS.

W. F. Parker, text books and supplies	\$145 88
O. Parker, treasurer school board	660 00

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\$805 88

## LIGHTING STREETS.

W. F. Parker, material	\$ 8 25
Benjamin S. Judd, setting posts	1 75
Globe Gas Light Co., new lamps and extras	46 27
C. Huntoon, freight	2 75
C. Huntoon, oil and labor	249 44

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\$308 46

## TOWN OFFICERS.

George H. Burt, police officer	\$ 3 00
F. A. Gleason, " "	3 00
L. M. Aldrich, police officer and expenses	5 00
C. H. Peabody, police officer and expenses	5 00
George H. Burt, town clerk	21 00
J. A. Morris, member Board of Health	5 56
O. Parker, treasurer	15 00
I. H. Glover, game warden '94	3 50
C. A. Peabody, game warden	4 50
C. A. Peabody, overseer of the poor	4 00
W. F. Parker, moderator	2 00
W. F. Parker, auditor	2 00
W. J. Young, supervisor	3 00
H. H. Clark, supervisor in November, '94	3 00
H. H. Clark, supervisor in March, '95	3 00

H. H. Clark, member Board of Health	2 00
C. E. Whipple, member school board in '94	5 00
C. E. Whipple, member school board in '95	5 00
H. H. Clark, member school board in '94	10 00
H. H. Clark, member school board in '95	10 00
L. M. Aldrich, truant officer	14 00
I. H. Glover, collector	39 36
George H. Burt, dog constable	3 00
H. H. Clark, first selectman	43 00
W. B. Chase, second selectman	48 00
F. P. Whitney, third selectman	38 00

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\$299 92

#### REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Harry Bickford	\$ 1 00
R. C. Bean	14 40
C. K. Corliss	1 50
Frank Clark	8 00
J. R. Streeter	1 50
Otis Brooks	8 62
Frank Locke	12 00
W. L. Tillotson	8 60
W. H. Streeter	1 00
Herbert Eastman	50
E. V. Powers	2 85
Joe Delange	3 75
Henry Harriman	20 00
E. B. Aldrich	10 00
A. C. Howland	19 20
F. H. Sanborn	16 00
E. W. Brooks	8 00
H. P. Godard	2 10
Thomas Golden	12 00
J. H. Streeter	9 00
O. W. Aldrich	6 75
Will Woods	2 62
Benjamin S. Judd	9 37
Fred Gleason	75



Abraham Labrador	3 00
C. A. Watson	55 30
John Mears	15 00
E. G. Harris	12 45
W. W. Corey	19 45
Edward Comit	24 00
Arthur Streeter	22 20
W. J. Young	4 00
P. O. Taylor	75
L. M. Aldrich	5 00
S. H. Smith	3 00
C. E. Harriman	5 25
L. F. Smith	2 45
Dick Munn	3 00
Bert Glines	1 50
L. E. Bowles	10 00
J. H. Callahan	5 25
Taft & Greenleaf	83 60
F. P. Whitney	13 50
Albert Richardson	41 15
Caleb Huntoon	3 00
Alex Jesseman	83 30
C. E. Whipple	63 90
E. D. Chase	1 75
J. W. Dudley	5 00
Albert Bowles	3 00
E. F. Grimes	6 30
W. W. Brooks	19 13
F. G. Hatch	9 45
C. C. Edson	29 25
H. C. Aldrich	96 82
W. B. Chase	116 50
O. G. Crane	35 75
D. K. Priest	102 30
Alvin Grimes	5 45
True Sanborn	64 95
Clarence Gould	31 50
C. H. Locke	9 75

Henry Whipple	13 75	
E. W. Harriman	41 25	
Geo. B. Clough	48 45	
H. E. Spooner	84 87	
F. P. Tucker	26 75	
Moses Wells	26 40	
Bowles Brothers	110 75	
W. F. Parker, material furnished	27 82	
Stephen Eaton's estate, shavings	10 00	
E. W. Brooks, snowing bridge	2 50	
J. R. Grimes	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,591 70
C. F. Edson, services as road agent		387 05

## PAID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGHWAYS.

For new highway near C. Huntoon's.

D. S. Phillips, land damage	\$100 00
A. Plant, labor	271 44
C. Huntoon, building fence	25 00
E. B. Aldrich, labor	6 25

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\$402 69

For new highway near J. Quimby's.

James Quimby, land damage	\$32 21
C. E. Bowles " "	20 50
Hibbard Bowles " "	20 50
W. B. Chase, labor	55 25

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\$128 46

## PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

E. B. Aldrich for Mrs. B. Bowles	\$10 00
W. F. Parker for Benj. Judd	47 00

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\$57 00

## PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

C. A. Peabody for Mrs. E. Aldrich	\$ 7 64
Grafton County farm for Mrs. E. Aldrich	27 28

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\$34 92

## PAID FOR LUMBER.

Parker & Brooks	\$133 05	
D. J. Whitcher	4 87	
	<hr/>	\$137 92

## PAID ON ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To trustees for purchase of books	\$150 00	
To D. E. Woodward, services as librarian	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Dr. Morris, reporting births and deaths	\$ 3 00	
Dr. McGregor " " " "	4 50	
Dr. Sanger " " " "	1 50	
W. F. Parker, stationary	20	
H. H. Clark, blank, blank-books, ex- pressage, expenses, etc.,	10 03	
H. H. Clark, examination of county re- cords in 1894, in suit of J. E. Henry & Sons	4 50	
G. H. Burt, recording and returning marriages, births and deaths	9 60	
H. H. Clark, appropriation for Decora- tion day	25 00	
O. Parker, use of hall	25 00	
W. B. Chase, bounty on hawks	1 00	
L. M. Aldrich, repairs	1 42	
J. A. Smalley, blacksmithing	4 25	
J. R. Streeter, "	3 45	
J. R. Grimes, labor and material, old cemetery	32 60	
Henry Spooner, labor, old cemetery	5 00	
Geo. E. Putney, keeping tramps	7 50	
G. H. Burt, licensing dogs	4 69	
	<hr/>	\$143 24



## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF L. A. TUTTLE.

L. A. Tuttle, on account of injury sustained	\$20 00	
Dr. Morris, professional services	15 00	
B. H. Richardson, for board	9 14	
J. W. Remick	38 28	
	<hr/>	\$82 42

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John M. Bickford, tax of 1895	\$15 00	
Ezra Aldrich " " "	6 00	
Henry Whipple " " "	50	
L. M. Aldrich for E. K. Cogswell	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 50

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1896.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1895	\$1,189 98	
From County of Grafton, pauper claim	73 88	
For three notes given	500 00	
From State of New Hampshire, railroad tax	126 67	
" " " " savings bank tax	483 29	
" " " " literary fund	42 00	
For dog licenses	44 00	
Of W. J. B. Stanley	3 00	
Of Joel Spooner, tax collector	1,153 71	
Of I. H. Glover, tax collector	2,928 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,544 53

## EXPENDITURES.

For repairs on highways	\$1,591 70
Services of road agent	387 05
Lumber	137 92
Two new highways	531 15
Library	200 00
Miscellaneous bills	225 66
County paupers	57 00
Town paupers	34 92
Town officers	299 92
Water troughs	25 83
Schools	805 88
Lighting streets	308 46
Abatement of taxes	24 50
State tax	825 00
County tax	888 80
Indorsement on Joel Spooner's note	28 88
Total expenditures	<hr/> \$6,372 67
Cash on hand	171 86

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\$6,544 53

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

C. E. Whipple, note and interest	\$479 61
C. E. Whipple " " "	259 38
Joel Spooner " " "	276 03
H. W. Noyes " " "	1,402 72
Elmore Whipple " " "	360 48
Lydia Spooner " " "	211 77
Lydia Spooner " " "	110 14
Henry Spooner " " "	440 59
D. K. Priest	546 20
Emma C. Hildreth	284 01
Lucy Godard	306 50
H. P. Godard	153 25
Emma J. Cheney	50 90

Dow cemetery fund	100 00	
Dr. W. B. Moody, cemetery fund	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,009 58

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from Mrs. H. Knight, note and interest	\$83 66	
“ “ “ “ “ “	39 01	
Grafton County pauper claim	57 00	
On tax bill of 1893	467 90	
“ “ “ “ 1894	64 88	
“ “ “ “ 1895	115 34	
From town of Livermore for running town line in 1893	18 75	
Interest on same to February 15, 1896	2 10	
C. F. Edson, road agent	41 22	
From E. G. Harris, unexpected balance appropriation for Decoration day in 1892	2 80	
H. H. Clark, unexpected balance of appropriation for Decoration day 1895	6 34	
Highway bills for 1892	6 27	
Cash on hand	171 86	
Total assets	<hr/>	1,077 33
Total debt, February 15, 1896	3,932 25	
	<hr/>	\$5,009 58

Franconia, N. H., Feb. 24th, 1896.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen and I find all the expenditures properly vouched for and the account accurately cast.

W. F. PARKER, AUDITOR.



In conclusion we beg to say that while in general our labors in the discharge of our official duties have been pleasant indeed, yet in certain respects circumstances have seemed to be adverse. Our citizens evidently honestly expected that during the fiscal year, 1895-6, we would be visited by no misfortunes and that slight demands for money would be made upon us, but the unexpected has happened as it usually does. The year has been in many respects an extraordinary one.

It is always exceedingly unpleasant for a board of selectmen to be obliged to hire money to meet the legitimate current expenses of the town.

The unthinking immediately cry out that the administration of affairs has been characterized by great extravagance, and that the public debt has been unnecessarily increased.

The current expenses of the town must be met, and the responsibility rests upon the selectmen.

As will be readily seen our expenses have been, during the past year, unusually large.

The demands upon us from several sources have been imperious, especially has this been the case for money to make repairs upon our highways, and we have furnished for labor and lumber for this purpose alone, the enormous sum of \$2,123.42.

We are not in the least surprised to find that the impression is fast gaining ground in the minds of the men who pay the bills, that our highway bills are too heavy, since our roads according to reports from all sections of the town are not in prime condition.

The office of road agent is not only the most lucrative one, but in many respects the most responsible one in the gift of the voters of the town, and the best man in the town should always be selected for it, with no regard for political or personal preference. Our citizens should exercise much wisdom in their selection; they should vote alike in the interest of the taxpayer and in the interest of good roads.

Estimating the length of the public highways of the town at thirty miles, the repairs on these highways cost in 1893-4, approximately \$58.83 per mile; in 1894-5, \$52.83 per mile; and in 1895-6, \$70.78 per mile. The large increase in the expense of last year over previous years is undoubtedly explained by the freshet of last April.

Our citizens are generous and public spirited and would not complain of the expense if they could be made to believe that they are getting an equivalent for their money.

Our roads are so situated that if they could be kept in good condition they would be charming drives for our summer visitors.

The many delightful building sites in our town would be sought out and utilized ; the value of all our real estate would thereby be advanced and our farmers would in every sense be the gainers.

We urge our fellow citizens to act wisely in this matter. We beg to make the following suggestions :

1st That at least 1.5 per cent. of the valuation be raised to repair highways and bridges and to meet the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

2d. That the sum of \$25 be appropriated for the observance of Decoration Day.

3d. That \$150 be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library and \$50 for the services the libearian.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. CLARK,	}	SELECTMEN
W. B. CHASE,		OF
F. F. WHITNEY,		FRANCONIA.

Franconia, N. H., Feb. 24, 1896.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

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As heretofore two schools of thirty-five weeks each have been maintained in the academy building. The teachers have brought to their work more than ordinary ability and culture, a good degree of enthusiasm, and creditable results have followed. Sixty different pupils have received instruction in these schools. Generally the attendance has been good, and comparatively few instances of tardiness are recorded.

The parents have not shown that degree of personal interest in the schools that would seem to us commendable. If we except the name of the principal of the academy, the name of a father of a child in these schools does not appear in the list of visitors during the entire year. A few of the mothers—not all—have manifested their interest by visiting the schools. But where were the fathers? Have not they an equal interest in the development of their children? Could they not spare one hour from their labors during the entire year, in which to encourage both pupil and teacher by their interest and kindly presence in the school room?

The teachers have wrought faithfully and well; the children have wrought equally well, but the parents have been derelict.

Every school is made up of three elements,—the parents, the scholars, and the teacher, in the order named.

Now remove the helpfulness, the sympathy, the encouragement of the parent, and the efficiency of the school is very materially impaired.

Every parent is under a moral obligation to sustain the school, to visit it frequently, to keep in close accord with the teacher, to counsel and advise with her, and always to manifest an interest in the welfare of his children.

## TEXT BOOKS.

During the year it has been the privilege and pleasure of the School Board to introduce into our schools some of the most modern and approved text-books in the market. For the Lippincott's Readers, which we have used many years, we have introduced the



Normal Readers, with their alternates. For Butler's Geography, which has long been adjudged too voluminous and a little too cumbersome to be of the highest usefulness to our scholars, we have introduced Frye's series, fresh from the hands of the publishers, and therefore incorporating all the improvements and discoveries that have recently enriched the science. We call attention to this book as truly a most beautiful work, both in its plan and execution. We have also introduced the Normal Spellers and Walsh's Arithmetic.

We do not deem it necessary to enter into a discussion of the superior merits of the text-books introduced over those displaced, but simply desire to say in justification, that the members of your school board have, as they believe, the true interests of the children at heart and most sincerely desire to encourage and promote them.

The books displaced are not, in the highest sense, truly modern; our children have become tired of them. It is "the new broom that sweeps clean." The books introduced are the newest and freshest of their kind in the market; they are written by practical and successful teachers and therefore embody the result of the freshest thought, the richest expression, and the most modern development in the art of teaching.

"The world moves" is but another way of saying that true progress and development are being made on all lines of thought and energy.

What was good enough for the man twenty-five years ago is not good enough for his child today. If he had the best within his reach then, in simple justice let him demand for his child the best and the latest that can possibly be obtained today, and let him be satisfied with nothing less than the best.

In no line perhaps, has there been more marked advancement; nowhere has there been a richer display of creative thought in the last two decades than in the production of text-books for the common school, and nowhere has the result been more creditable.

The two great tests of a successful text-book are that it shall be a true exponent of the science presented by it, and that it shall be teachable. After careful deliberation we have selected, as

we believe, the text-books that answer both of these tests in a remarkable degree, and we congratulate our citizens on the most excellent aids now in the hands of their children.

The boys and girls of Franconia are just as bright and worthy, just as promising and ambitious as are those of any other town. The parents of these children have just as good reason to expect that their sons and daughters will yet occupy exalted positions of honor, trust and usefulness in the church and state, just as good reason to expect that they will yet be proud of them for their own merit and achievements, as have the parents in any other locality in our state or nation.

It is but fair then, and especially is it due our children, that they shall be supplied with the brightest, freshest and most helpful appliances that can be procured.

We feel very sure that the comparatively small additional expenditure thereby incurred will not be weighed for a moment, by any one, against the largely increased advantages insured to our boys and girls who are soon to take our places on the stage of action.

### THE FREE TEXT-BOOK LAW.

Before the free text-book law was passed there was more or less complaint by the poorer classes of the expense incurred in providing text-books for their children. The great multiplicity of text-books was particularly declaimed against. Frequently a parent has been heard to say, "When I was at school one text-book on a subject was deemed quite sufficient. I studied but one Arithmetic and one Grammar and I have these books at home now in as good condition as they ever were, but in these days of 'new fangled notions' a multiplicity of text-books is required. What was good enough for me is good enough for my children."

Out of this complaint, carrying with it some sense of injustice, has grown the free text-book law as it stands on our statute book today. The burden of expense is now lifted from the poor man as an individual and is met out of the public funds of the town. Now it is our boast that the child of poorer parents is just as liberally supplied with every necessary aid and appliance for the successful prosecution of school work as are the children of

the wealthy. So far the law is most excellent in its workings. It has been on trial so long that its evil effects are also plainly evident.

If the scholar of two or three decades ago could use a single text-book during his entire course and today is able to produce the book uninjured, one of two inferences must be drawn; either he did not study the book with the same "degree of hard earnestness" that characterizes the boy and girl of today, or, if he did so use it, he took most excellent care of it. Since in his own estimation, at least, he can "outfigure" the boys of today, let us grant him the advantage of the second inference and seek just here the weak feature of this law. Its working engenders a spirit of destructive wastefulness wholly incompatible with the spirit of true economy that every parent, rich or poor, should cultivate in the minds of his children with the most earnest and faithful sedulity.

It seems to us after a careful study of the workings of this law that it is educationally bad, positively injurious; that the small sum of money saved to the parent is many times over balanced by the formation in the mind of the child of habits of indifference to the value of property, of wastefulness and destructiveness that in adult age can not be confined to the treatment of books, but will of necessity leaven the whole economy of life.

We frankly admit that the parent could by wise instruction come to the aid of this law and make it in every sense a success, but the fact is the parent does not and will not do this.

It has been remarked that the deleterious effects of this law are clearly manifested in the injury to the books of the public library. Instances have been brought to our notice of books that ought, with good usage, to be in good condition after a service of ten years, but are in prime condition for the binder after a service of less than a year. We do not go far astray we think in tracing this evil directly to the free text-book law.

It is frequently said in extenuation that the teacher ought to be responsible for the treatment of the books while in the hands of the children. This is true only in part. The teachers can in this respect, at least, only supplement instruction that has been sedulously inculcated in the home. Let our parents look



carefully into the workings of this law in the minds and habits of their children and by timely and wise instruction so nullify its evil effects that it shall be in every sense beneficial.

All of which is very respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. CLARK,	}	SCHOOL BOARD
C. E. WHIPPLE,		OF
C. E. BOWLES,		FRANCONIA.

Franconia, N. H., Feb. 24, 1896.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The one possession of our people in which every one appears to take an honest and commendable pride is our Public Library.

Centrally located, under the efficient management of Miss Daisy E. Woodward, it has been a source of increasing pleasure and profit to all our people.

With a generosity alike creditable and praiseworthy, our taxpayers, at the last annual meeting, again appropriated the sum of \$150.00 to be expended for books, and \$50.00 for the services of the Librarian.

We have received as follows :

By vote of the town	\$150 00	
Balance in treasury	5 11	
In fines	9 90	
By sale of cards	1 00	
In gifts, Miss Apthorp	10 00	
Rev. Mr. Kitcher	1 00	
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A total available sum in the hands of the trustees of		\$178 01
Of this sum we have expended as follows :		
For books	\$174 74	
For stationery, oil, freight and other inci- dentals	2 06	
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A total expenditure of		\$174 80
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We have now a balance in the treasury of		1 21

An equivalent of 2,236 books have been read during the year, a gain of 418 volumes over last year, a very creditable showing, indeed, for our people.

Of the books read during the past year 90 per cent. have been works of fiction.

The trustees have been fortunate in securing an excellent reprint of the Encyclopaedia Britannica,—24 volumes and index,

in a neat case, for the extremely reasonable sum of \$50.00. Heretofore we have had no standard works of reference, now we have the best.

Few families, if any, in our town would think themselves able to own this valuable work.

Now its use, under the direction of the Librarian, is free to every citizen of our town and even to "the stranger within our gates."

In addition to these 25 volumes, the trustees have been able to place upon our shelves 157 volumes of choice reading adapted, as we think, to all classes of readers, to every age, to every grade and character of mind.

We have also received by the courtesy of the Hon. J. H. Gallanger and the Hon. H. M. Baker five volumes which we desire thankfully to acknowledge.

With the additions made during the past year, we have now on our shelves 1,092 volumes, a most creditable and enduring monument, not alone of the noble generosity, but of the wisdom, sagacity and excellent judgment of our fellow citizens who carry the burdens and pay the taxes.

The trustees have exercised more than usual care in making the selection of books, desiring not only to place upon our shelves books of high moral character, the influence of which shall always be uplifting, inspiring and helpful to every reader, but also, so far as possible, to defer to every preference and gratify every reasonable desire.

To what extent our efforts have been successful we point with no small degree of satisfaction to the increasing desire of our young people to read the better class of books and to the very generous patronage of the Library by all classes of people.

In conclusion we beg to suggest that \$150.00 be appropriated for the purchase of books and \$50.00 for the services of the Librarian.

We also beg to suggest that steps be taken to have the Library, including the books and furniture, insured against loss by fire.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. CLARK, }  
WILBUR F. PARKER, } TRUSTEES.



# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CEMETERY.

## RECEIPTS.

Received of Mrs. Warren Smith	for lot	\$10 00	
Mrs. J. R. Cogswell	" "	10 00	
C. A. Watson	" "	10 00	
Adelbert Jesseman	" "	10 00	
Mrs. Levi Streeter	" "	10 00	
			<hr/>
			\$50 00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid	George B. Clough, labor	\$8 00	
	D. K. Priest, "	6 00	
	W. W. Corey, "	3 50	
	Dow Academy, lumber	2 00	
	H. W. Noyes, labor	8 25	
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		28 55	
Balance in hands of Superintendent		21 45	
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			\$50 00

## LIST OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR LOTS SOLD AND UNPAID.

David Dexter	\$2 50
C. H. Locke	10 00
G. A. Quimby	10 00
Henry Harriman	10 00
J. W. Beane	10 00
G. F. Smith	10 00

B. J. Judd	10 00	
J. C. Bostwick	10 00	
A. Jesseman	10 00	
C. Jesseman	10 00	
H. Aldrich	10 00	
Mrs. H. Knight	10 00	
G. H. Burt	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$122 50

H. W. NOYES, SUPERINTENDENT.



*Births Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1895.*

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex	Color.	Living or Stillborn	No. of Children 1st, 2d, etc.	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Residence	Father's Occupation	Father's Birthplace.	Mother's Birthplace	Father's Age	Mother's Age
1895													
Jan. 22	Clayton Quimby	M	W	7	4	Ira M Colby	Ira E Dresser	Franconia	Farmer	Whitefield	Sutton		
Mar. 11		M		4	4	George A Quimby	Nellie L Staples			Franconia	Canada		
May 23		F		2	4	Joe Delarge	Exelia Fortier		Laborer	St Giles Can't la			
May 23		M		5	5	Eury W Harriman	Mary E McCabe			Whitefield	New York		
Apr. 28		F		1	1	Richard C Bean	Lydla S Chandler		Carpenter	Lisbon	Elmore Vt		
July 18		F		7	1	Franklin P Clark	Alice J Russell		Farmer	Landaff	Lincoln		
Sept 17		M		1	1	Oranum G Crane	Elizabeth M Stone			Bethlehem	Brinfield		
Oct. 17				3	3	Wilbur E Wells	Mary H Young		Carpenter	Franconia	Franconia		
Oct. 19				5	5	Joseph R Franklin	Laura M Bickford		Clergyman	England	W Danville Vt		
Nov. 2				1	1	William A Allison	Kate A Callahan		Farmer	Canada	Bethlehem		
Nov. 25		F		1	1	Roderick McIver	Mary Eaton						
Dec. 20				1	1	Carl A Nelson	Stella M Huntton			Dulton	Franconia		

A true copy of Record.

G. H. BURT, Town Clerk.



**Marriages Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1895.**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence and official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 12	Franconia	Carl A Nelson	Concord Vt	23	W	Laborer	Dalton N H	Daniel Nelson	Farmer	1st	J B S Pillsbury Franconia
		Stella M Huntoon	Franconia	16		House work	Franconia	Cynthia Nelson	Housewife		
14		James H Streeter		24		Laborer	Lisbon N H	Emma J Huntoon	Housewife		J R Franklin Franconia
		Isola Nute		22		Sch'l Teacher	Littleton	J R Streeter	Blacksmith		
June 6	Thornton	Milas J Gilman		25		Salesman	Whendin Mass	Susan Streeter	Farmer		
		Alice M Hazeltine	Thornton N H	25		House keeper	Thornton	Martha Nute	At home		
July 23	Lisbon	Wilbur H Aldrich	Franconia	35		Farmer	Franconia	Jeremiah Gilman	Farmer		W G Hubbard Campton N H
		L MaGrove Lafoe		21		House work	Bethlehem	M J Hazeltine	Housekeeper		
Sept. 25	Franconia	Frederick J Hall	Williamston Vt	37		Teacher	Foxcroft Me	Hannah Bryant	Editor	2d	S S Nickerson Lisbon N H
		E Louise Langmaid	Franconia	23		Cook	Ryegate Vt	Ezra Aldrich	Housekeeper	1st	
Oct. 23		Fred D Davis		23		House keeper	Henniker N H	Mary Aldrich	Farmer		A Herbert Arnes Franconia
		Laura F Hildreth	Randolph Vt	20		Laborer	Roxbury Vt	Sarah Green	Carpenter		J R Franklin Franconia
22	Woodsville	Harry A Bowles	Franconia	21		House work	Franconia	Carlos Castelo	At home		W H Turkington Haverhill N H
		Bessie F Hewes	Lyman N H	21		Carpenter	Holden Me	A H Langmaid	Farmer		
Nov. 3	Lisbon	Wilbur D Noyes	Franconia	30		House work	Easton N H	Ellen A Davis	Carpenter		S S Nickerson Lisbon N H
		Dai-ie D Woods		20		House work	Franconia	Dora E Hildreth	At home		
								Albert S Bowles	Lawyer		
								John H Hewes	At home		
								P Hewes	Farmer		
								Moses Noyes	Carpenter		
								Ellen M Kendall	At home		
								Dexter Woods	Carpenter		
								Hattie Simonds	At home		

*Deaths Registered in the Town of Franconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1895.*

Date—1895.	Name and Surname of deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.		Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.		
		Years.	Months.		Male or Female.	Color.		Single, Married or Widowed.	Father.			Mother.	
			Days.										
Jan	20 Joseph F Watson	76			M	W	F	Farmer		Thomas Watson	Betsy Davis		
Feb	12 Emily J Knight	79	9	Bethlehem	M	W	W	Housekeeper		Samuel Emerson	Wary Parks		
Mar	8 Sylvia Streeter	78	8	Thornon						Joshua Kendall	Nellie L Staples		
Mar	12 Clayton Quimby	78	17	Easton	M			Farmer	Franconia	Geo A Quimby			
Aug	4 Silas P Wood	86	5	Franconia					Westmoreld	Thomas Knight	Abigail Knapp		
Sept	5 Horace Knight	68	11	Waterford Vt					Franconia	Jonathan Spooner	Abigail Archer		
Sept	10 Joel Spooner	74	4	"									
Oct	9 Harvey Simonds	87	4	Lunenburg Vt									
Oct	14 Julia Ann Streeter	75	2	Lisbon	F	W	S	Housekeeper	Landaff N H	John Streeter	Lucy Remis		
Nov	1 Lizzie J Watson	43	1	Franconia	M	S	S	At home		Simon Smith	R. Jesseman		
	27 Harriet M Oakes	53	6	Lisbon				Housekeeper	Lisbon	Hugh K Oakes	Elizabeth Mead		
	29 Josiah Richardson	73	10	Lisbon	M			H. tel keeper					

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. H. BURT, Town Clerk.









